

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement requiring election for prosecution on the merits of the following allegedly distinct species:

Species I of claims 3-6 drawn to a method of evaluating quality using a ringing artifact measure.

Species II of claims 7-9 drawn to a method of evaluating quality using a quantization artifact measure.

Species III of claims 10-11 drawn to a method of evaluating quality using a resolution artifact measure.

Species IV of claims 12-13 drawn to a method of evaluating quality using a sharpness artifact measure.

Species V of claims 14-15 drawn to a method of evaluating quality using a coding parameter.

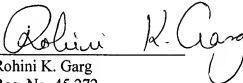
Species VI of claims 16-18 drawn to methods of evaluating quality using a map, spatio-temporal regions, or a virtual reference image.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants elect without traverse, Species I, claims 3-6.

Having responded in full to the restriction requirement, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for examination. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Applicants' undersigned agent may be reached at telephone number listed below. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below. Any deficiencies can be charged to Applicant's deposit account no. 501358.

Respectfully submitted,



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